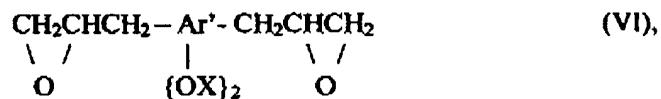
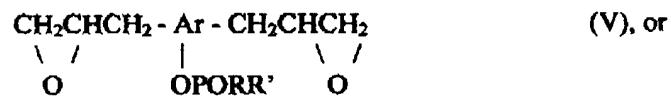
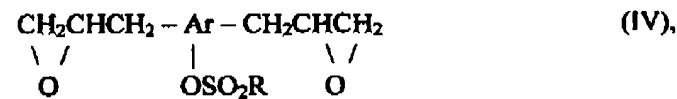
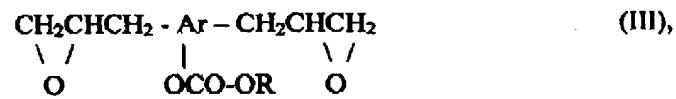
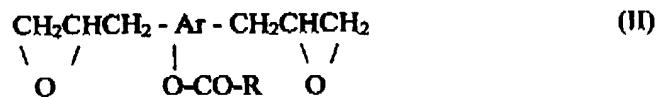
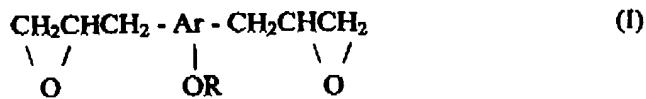
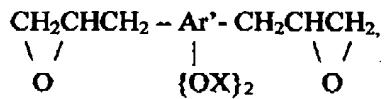


Amendment to Claims**1. (Amended) Diepoxide esters and ethers having the formulas:**

where Ar is a trivalent aromatic radical of 6-20 carbon atoms, Ar' is a bridged diaromatic radical having the formula Ar-Y-Ar and Y is O, CO, S, SO₂, -(CH₂)_y, or -C(R'')₂ and y is from 0 to 6, and R and R' are the same or different alkyl, alkylene aryl, aryl, arylene alkyl, alkylene alkoxy, alkylene aryloxy, arylene alkoxy and arylene aryloxy radical having from 6-20 carbon atoms, ((and)) X is -R, -COR, -COOR, -SO₂R, or-POR' and R'' is methyl.

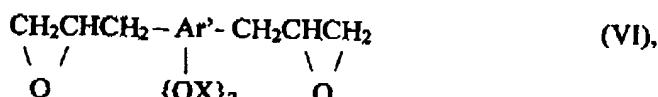
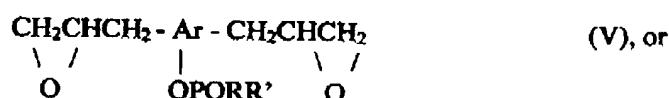
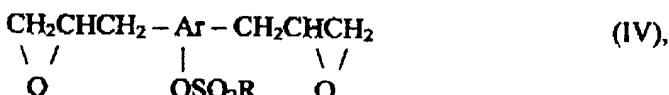
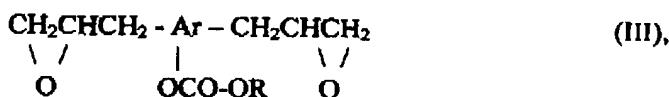
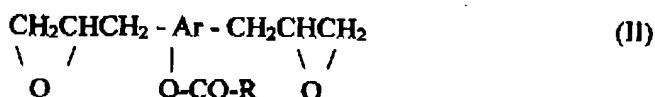
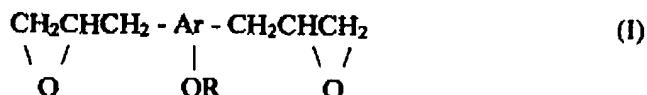
7. (Amended) The diepoxide esters of claim 1 having the formula

where Ar' is a bridged diaromatic radical having the formula Ar-Y-Ar and Y is O, CO, S, SO₂, -(CH₂)_y, or -C(R'')₂ and y is from 0 to 6, Ar is a trivalent aromatic

radical of 6-20 carbon atoms, and R and R' are the same or different alkyl, alkylene radical of 6-20 carbon atoms, and R and R' are the same or different alkyl, alkylene aryl, aryl, arylene alkyl, alkylene alkoxy, alkylene aryloxy, arylene alkoxy and arylene aryloxy radical having from 6-20 carbon atoms, ((and)) X is -R, -COR, -COOR, -SO₂R, or -PORR' and R'' is methyl.

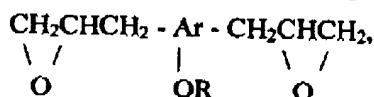
Amended Claims – Response B

1. (Currently amended) Diepoxide esters and ethers having the formulas:



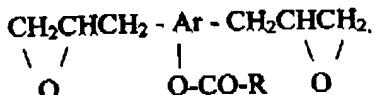
where Ar is a trivalent aromatic radical of 6-20 carbon atoms, Ar' is a bridged diaromatic radical having the formula Ar -Y- Ar and Y is O, CO, S, SO₂, -(CH₂)_y or -C(R'')₂- and y is from 0 to 6, and R and R' are the same or different alkyl, alkylene aryl, aryl, arylene alkyl, alkylene alkoxy, alkylene aryloxy, arylene alkoxy and arylene aryloxy radical having from 6-20 carbon atoms, X is -R, -COR, -COOR, -SO₂R, or-PORR' and R'' is methyl.

2. (Original) The diepoxide ethers of claim 1 having the formula



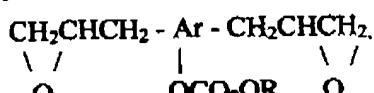
where Ar is a trivalent aromatic radical of 6-20 carbon atoms and R is an alkyl, alkylene aryl, aryl, arylene alkyl, alkylene alkoxy, alkylene aryloxy, arylene alkoxy and arylene aryloxy radical having from 6-20 carbon atoms.

3. (Original) The diepoxide carboxylic acid esters of claim 1 having the formula



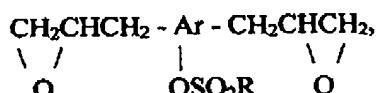
where Ar is a trivalent aromatic radical of 6-20 carbon atoms and R is an alkyl, alkylene aryl, aryl, arylene alkyl, alkylene alkoxy, alkylene aryloxy, arylene alkoxy and arylene aryloxy radical having from radical of 6-20 carbon atoms.

4. (Original) The diepoxide carbonic acid esters of claim 1 having the formula



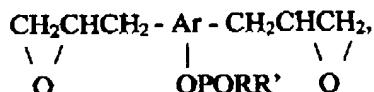
where Ar is a trivalent aromatic radical of 6-20 carbon atoms and R is an alkyl, alkyl aryl, aryl, aryl alkyl, alkylene alkoxy, alkylene aryloxy, arylene alkoxy and arylene aryloxy radical having from 6-20 carbon atoms.

5. (Original) The diepoxide sulfonic acid esters of claim 1 having the formula



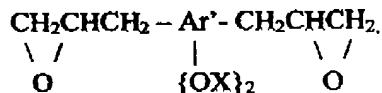
where Ar is a trivalent aromatic radical of 6-20 carbon atoms and R is an alkyl, alkylene aryl, aryl, arylene alkyl, alkylene alkoxy, alkylene aryloxy, arylene alkoxy or arylene aryloxy radical having from 6-20 carbon atoms.

6. (Original) The diepoxide phosphorus esters of claim 1 having the formula



where Ar is a trivalent aromatic carbon radical of 6-20 carbon atoms and R and R' are alkyl, alkylene aryl, aryl, arylene alkyl, alkylene alkoxy, alkylene aryloxy, arylene alkoxy and arylene aryloxy radicals having from 6-20 carbon atoms.

7. (Currently amended) The diepoxide esters of claim 1 having the formula



where Ar' is a bridged diaromatic radical having the formula Ar-Y-Ar and Y is O, CO, S, SO₂, -(CH₂)_y, or -C(R'')₂ and y is from 0 to 6, Ar is a trivalent aromatic radical of 6-20 carbon atoms, and R and R' are the same or different alkyl, alkylene aryl, aryl, arylene alkyl, alkylene alkoxy, alkylene aryloxy, arylene alkoxy and arylene aryloxy radical having from 6-20 carbon atoms, X is -R, -COR, -COOR, -SO₂R, or -PORR' and R'' is methyl.

8. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 2 where the ether is 2,6-di-(2,3-epoxypropyl)phenyl methyl ether.

9. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 2 where the ether is 2,6-di-(2,3-epoxypropyl)phenyl ethyl ether.

10. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 2 where the ether is 4-methyl-2,6-di-(2,3-epoxypropyl)phenyl methyl ether.

11. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 2 where the ether is 2,6-di(2,3-epoxypropyl)phenyl benzyl ether.

12. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 2 where the ether is 2,6-di(2,3-epoxypropyl)phenyl-4-cyano phenyl ether.

13. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 2 where the ether is 2,6-di(2,3-epoxypropyl)phenyl octadecyl ether.

14. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 3 where the ester is 4-toluic acid: 2,6-di(2,3-epoxypropyl)phenyl ester.

15. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 4 where the ester is 2,6-di(2,3-epoxypropyl)phenyl methyl carbonate.

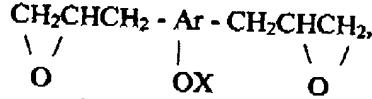
16. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 5 where the ester is 4-toluenesulfonic acid: 2,6-di(2,3-epoxypropyl)phenyl ester.

17. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 6 where the ester is 2,6-di(2,3-epoxypropyl)phenyl diethyl phosphate.

18. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 7 where the diether is 2,2-{3-(2,3-epoxypropyl)-4-methoxyphenyl}propane.

19. (Original) The diepoxide of claim 7 where the diether is 3(2,3-epoxypropyl)-4-methoxyphenyl sulfone.

20. (Previously presented) The diepoxide ethers of claim 1 having the formula



where Ar is a trivalent aromatic radical of 6-20 carbon atoms and X is -R, -COR, -COOR, -SO₂R, or -PORR' and R and R' are the same or different alkyl, alkylene aryl, aryl, arylene alkyl, alkylene alkoxy, alkylene aryloxy, arylene alkoxy and arylene aryloxy radical having from 6-20 carbon atoms.